

Senate Bill No. 527

Passed the Senate May 18, 2009

Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2009, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 21204 of the Vehicle Code, relating to bicycles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 527, Kehoe. Bicycles.

Existing law prohibits a person from operating a bicycle on a highway if that person is riding other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle.

This bill would prohibit a person from operating a bicycle on a highway if that person is riding other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle, unless the bicycle was designed by the manufacturer to be ridden without a seat.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21204 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

21204. (a) A person operating a bicycle upon a highway shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto, unless the bicycle was designed by the manufacturer to be ridden without a seat.

(b) An operator shall not allow a person riding as a passenger, and a person shall not ride as a passenger, on a bicycle upon a highway other than upon or astride a separate seat attached thereto. If the passenger is four years of age or younger, or weighs 40 pounds or less, the seat shall have adequate provision for retaining the passenger in place and for protecting the passenger from the moving parts of the bicycle.

Approved _____, 2009

Governor